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**BY HAND AND EMAIL**

Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary

Department of Telecommunications & Energy

One South Station

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Boston, MA 02110

**Re: D.T.E. 01-20 Investigation of Rates and Charges of Verizon-Massachusetts for  
Unbundled Network Elements under Section 252 of the Communications Act of  
1996**

Dear Secretary Cottrell:

Enclosed herewith for filing in the above-referenced proceeding, please find an original and one copy of the attached Petition of BrahmaCom, Inc., Essential.com, Inc., Norfolk County Internet, Inc., and Servisense, Inc. For Leave to Intervene.

Very truly yours,

Eric J. Krathwohl

cc: Tina Chin, Esq., Hearing Officer (w/enc.)

Michael Isenberg, Esq., Telecommunications Director (w/enc.)

Service List (w/enc.)

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d/b/a Verizon Massachusetts' Resale Services in the )  
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**PETITION OF BRAHMACOM, INC., ESSENTIAL.COM, INC., NORFOLK  
COUNTY INTERNET, INC. and SERVISENSE, INC.**

**FOR LEAVE TO INTERVENE**

Pursuant to 220 CMR § 1.03(1) of the Rules of Practice and Procedure of the Department of Telecommunications and Energy ("Department"), **BRAHMACOM, INC., ESSENTIAL.COM, INC., NORFOLK COUNTY INTERNET, INC. and SERVISENSE, INC.** (the "Joint Petitioners") by the undersigned counsel, hereby petition for leave to intervene as a party in this docket. In support of this petition, the Joint Petitioners state as follows:

1. BrahmaCom, Inc., with a principal place of business at 32 Wexford Street, Needham, MA 02494, is a CLEC, authorized to provide, and currently providing, local exchange services in Massachusetts.

2. Essential.Com, Inc., with a principal place of business at 1 Burlington Woods Drive, Burlington, Massachusetts 01803, is a CLEC, authorized to provide, and currently providing, local exchange services in Massachusetts.

3. Norfolk County Internet, Inc., with a principal place of business at Unit 12A, Depot Plaza, 13-25 Main Street, Franklin, Massachusetts 02038, is a CLEC, authorized to provide, and currently providing, local exchange services in Massachusetts.

4. Servisense, Inc., with a principal place of business at 288 Walnut Street, Newton, MA 02460, is a CLEC, authorized to provide, and currently providing, local exchange services in Massachusetts.

5. Because the Joint Petitioners rely or will be relying on Verizon's wholesale services and network elements to provide services to their own customers, this proceeding is of critical importance to the Joint Petitioners. This proceeding, through its determination of wholesale rates to be charged by Verizon for access to unbundled network elements ("UNEs") or combinations of UNEs, as well as the rates to be charged by Verizon for the resale of existing services, will have a direct and substantial impact on the Joint Petitioners' business operations.

6. Each of the Joint Petitioners' rights will be substantially and specifically affected by the outcome of this proceeding. Therefore, their interests cannot be adequately represented without the Department granting this petition.

WHEREFORE, for the foregoing reasons, BrahmaCom, Inc., Essential.com, Inc., Norfolk County Internet, Inc. and Servisense, Inc. each request that it be granted leave to intervene as a party in this proceeding.

Respectfully submitted,

**BRAHMACOM, INC.**

**ESSENTIAL.COM, INC.**

**NORFOLK COUNTY INTERNET, INC.**

**SERVISENSE, INC.**

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on this 31<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2001, copies of the foregoing  
**PETITION FOR LEAVE TO INTERVENE** were sent via email and/or regular mail to  
the parties on the attached service list.

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Eric J. Krathwohl, Esq.

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